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SIR:

In response to the Office Action, mailed May 13, 2004, in which the Examiner made a restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects to restrict the application to the invention designated as Group II, Figures 6-11. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-25, and 28.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for a favorable action and that the case can now be passed to issue. Applicant reserves all rights to the nonelected inventions.

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Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as full and complete response to the Official Action mailed May 13, 2004, and it is submitted that the Claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge the continuing duty of candor and good faith to disclosure of information known to be material to the examination of this application. In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, all such information is dutifully made of record.

It is believed that no fee is due with this Response. However, if any fees are due with respect to Sections 1.16 or 1.17, please charge to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Acct. No. 500601.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, or that in any way it would help expedite the prosecution of the patent application, a telephone call to the undersigned at (305) 416-4490 is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 500-601.

In view of the preceding discussion, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and re-examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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